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Dear Anne:

I want to take this opportunity to comment on how important the resources and services provided by various OLIS staff members are to the South Kingstown Public Library. My first experience with OLIS staff, although it was DSLS at that point in time, was the invaluable guidance I received in preparing and submitting three applications for construction reimbursement between 1990-1995. This complex process was made easier for me by the expert advice I received from the OLIS/DSLS staff. The end result was the renovation and expansion of the central library and the two branch libraries in South Kingstown.

More recently, I have had the capable assistance of Sheila Carlson in preparing the library system's annual application for e-rate funding. Sheila's extensive knowledge of the e-rate application process and the many regulatory changes that occur from year to year are the main reasons the library system's annual application has been approved for funding since 1998.

Another OLIS staff member, Karen Mellor, provided invaluable assistance by making the library system's website accessible to visually and handicapped patrons. I am also very appreciative of the support I have received from Ann Piascik in preparing the South Kingstown Public Library's annual report to OLIS. Ann's patience with my many questions is to be commended as well as her prompt response to what ever I ask.

Finally, I want to mention the role Joe McGovern played in our 2001 grant application to Save Outdoor Sculpture!, a project co-sponsored by Heritage Preservation and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. This grant would be used towards conservation treatment of *The Weaver*, an outdoor bronze bas-relief sculpture by Daniel Chester French. The sculpture is located on the grounds of the Peace Dale Library. The application called for several pre-conservation photographic images of the sculpture and Joe agreed to take the photographs. We did receive the grant and in my many conversations with SOS! staff they made reference to the quality of the photographs submitted with the application.. I believe Joe's photographs were a contributing factor when SOS! made the decision to award a grant to *The Weaver* Conservation Treatment Project.

Sincerely,

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